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Ticket for Prathap Simha Doubtful?

Simha scapegoat of senior State BJP leaders 'adjustment' politics?

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (BCT)- The 'adjustment politics' played out by the State BJP leaders that was cited as the reason for the BJP's rout in the 2023 Assembly election has come to the fore again and this time, it is set to potentially jeopardise Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha's candidacy in the upcoming Lok Sabha election.

Highly placed sources told *Star of Mysore* this morning that Simha appears to be the scapegoat of this 'adjustment' political manoeuvres as the State BJP leadership seems determined to withhold the ticket for him this time. This decision is speculated to be a strategic move aimed at facilitating the victory of a Congress candidate in Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's bastion even before the election is announced.

In the run-up to LS election, the BJP conducted a pre-poll survey in Mysuru and Kodagu, receiving positive feedback from people regarding the developmental works undertaken by Simha in the last 10 years, reinforcing their faith in him.

Prathap Simha

Following this, an internal election was held in Mysuru to select a candidate, where three potential contenders — Prathap Simha, former Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan and former MP C.H. Vijayashankar — were considered, with Simha garnering the highest approval at ground level for his development works.

Subsequently, on Mar. 7, a meeting took place in New Delhi chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah that was attended by Karnataka BJP leaders, who deliberated on the candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency and other LS seats to be recommended to party's Central Parliamentary Committee.

During the meeting, State BJP leaders proposed to Shah that an OBC candidate be fielded from Mysuru-Kodagu this time.

This suggestion stemmed from the reluctance of some senior State BJP leaders to support Simha's candidacy due to their reservations about having a Vokkaliga community leader.

Consequently, sources said, the political manoeuvring by the State BJP leaders is set to benefit CM Siddaramaiah, whose stronghold is Mysuru and who is expected to vigorously support and ensure the victory of Congress candidate. This strategic adjustment in candidate selection could potentially hand over victory on a platter to Siddaramaiah, even before the election.

In response to these developments, MP Simha told *SOM* that he has been diligently preparing for the election and refrained from offering further comments.

Former MLA Vasu passes away

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RK&DM)- Former Chamaraja MLA Vasu (72), who was more popularly known as Mayor Vasu, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning following prolonged illness.

Vasu, who fell ill months ago and was taking treatment at his residence in Jayalakshmipuram, was rushed to ClearMedi Radiant Hospital in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage last night after his health condition deteriorated. But he passed away at 10.20 am today after failing to respond to treatment.

Vasu leaves behind three sons — BJP leaders Kaveesh V. Gowda and Avish Gowda and Ritesh Gowda — daughters-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. His wife Lalitha had predeceased him in 2006.

Vasu's body will be kept at his residence on Temple Road in Jayalakshmipuram till tomorrow afternoon for the public to pay their last respects.

Last rites will be performed at Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology (VVIET) premises on Bannur Road in city outskirts after 3 pm on Mar. 10, according to family sources.

Son's wedding on Mar. 11

While Vasu's eldest son Kaveesh Gowda and youngest son Ritesh Gowda are married, the wedding of his second son Avish Gowda was scheduled to take place at a simple ceremony on Mar. 11. But incidentally, Vasu expired just two days before the wedding.

Vasu

His elder son Kaveesh Gowda had unsuccessfully contested the 2023 Assembly polls from Chamundeshwari Constituency on a BJP ticket.

VVET Founder

An educationist, Vasu was the Founder-Chairman of Vidya Vikas Educational Trust (VVET) on Bannur Road in city, which he established 20 years ago. The Trust runs VVIET, apart from many other higher educational institutions.

Venturing into the field of Journalism, he ran '*The Mysore Mail*' (now closed), an English eveninger and '*Kannadigara Prajanudi*', a Kannada morning daily.

Tryst with politics

A native of Agathahalli in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district, Vasu settled down in Mysuru over 60 years ago. Later he joined politics and contested the MCC polls on a Congress ticket in 1983 and won. He went on to become the Mayor in 1989-90 and thereafter became popular as Mayor Vasu.

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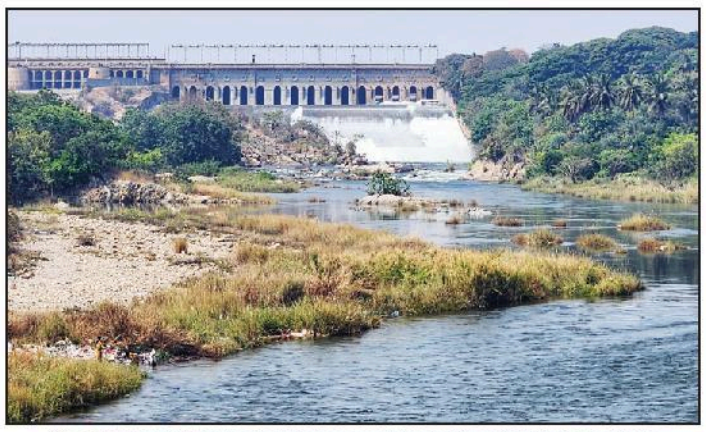
Water released from KRS Dam to ease Bengaluru's crisis



Cauvery water being released from the KRS Dam this morning at around 10 am. *[Pic. by Vinay Karekura]*

Srirangapatna, Mar. 9 (VK&BCT)- In response to Bengaluru's pressing water scarcity, authorities in Mandya have initiated the release of 2,000 to 2,500 cusecs (cubic metres per second) of water from the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam located in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district.

As of last evening, four crest gates of the Dam (two near the VC Canal and two near the Dam gallery) have been opened, allowing water to flow continuously.

(See KRS DAM on page 9)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for K.B. Ganapathy's *Abracadabra* titled ***"Night of Shiva and the Well of Knowledge."***

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Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Jayanti and RK Ashram's Annual Celebrations

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, has organised 189th Jayanti of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa on Mar. 12 and Ashram's Annual Celebrations from Mar. 15 to 17:

Mar. 12 — 5.15 am: Vedic Chanting; **5.30 am:** Mangalarati and Bhajans; **7.30 pm:** Special Puja; **8 am:** Vishnusahasranama; **9 am:** Bhajans; **10.30 am:** Reading of selected passages; **10.45 am:** Mahamangalarati; **11 am:** Homa; **12 noon:** Prasada Distribution; **4.30 pm:** Bhajans by Sri Sharada Samvit Bhajana Mandali; **6 pm:** Discourse in Kannada on 'Sri Ramakrishna's Life and Teachings'; **7 pm:** Sandyarati and Bhajans.

Mar. 15 — 5.30 pm: Sandyarati; **5.45 pm:** Discourse in Kannada by Swami Tyagishwaranandaji, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Davanagere, on 'Vatsalyamayi Srimate Sharada Devi'; **6.45 pm to 8.15 pm:** Flute and Mandolin programme by Sumana and Shivaram.

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa

Mar. 16 — 5.30 pm: Sandyarati; **5.45 pm:** Discourse in Kannada by S.S. Ramesh, retired lecturer, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Mysuru, on 'Adhyatmika Paramapareya Vishwaguru - Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa'; **6.45 pm to 8.15 pm:** Bhakti Sangeetha by Kikkeri Krishnamurthi and group.

Mar. 17 — 5.45 pm: Bhajans on Holy Trio by Vid. Gururaj and group; **6.45 pm:** Discourse in Kannada by Nandeesha on 'Kuvempu's Ramayana Darshanam: Vachana - Vyakhyana.'

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

If the Bard were to contemplate penning a sonnet on the Indian National Congress, he would most likely not consider comparing it to a summer's day. Another poet's lines come to mind: No lark could sing with a sky so dark and grey. The news in the past few days has been quite devastating. There is an apparently unending procession of-what the stunned High Command would say: Rats from the sinking ship. Well, do be honest, many of the stalwarts fancied themselves as bandicoots with satraps of their own and amused audiences by trying to roar like a lion. Mice and men have been known to act strangely when pushed into a corner with their back against the wall. Congressmen, till they had not fallen from grace with the Dynasty, behaved not like rodents but fat cats or lapdogs.

Congress survives today only because the BJP needs it as a punching bag and to blame all ills and failures on the Nehru-Gandhi clan. Let's be fair. Indira Gandhi had fought her own battles, won most of them and restored national pride to her compatriots. The decline began with Rajiv Gandhi — a good man undone by his school mates, flying colleagues and boyhood playmates. It's almost four decades since he died. It's only with Sonia and Rahul in the cockpit that irreversible decline set in. Well, flying on empty fuel tanks — not a drop of ideology or iota of inspirational vision — isn't easy. The plane has finally nosedived. The best that the crew and the passengers can hope and pray for is a crash landing without more damage than the wrecked aircraft.

— Pushpesh Pant in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Actor makes a living as a beggar

Beijing: For the last 12 years, Chinese professional actor Lu Jingang has been making a living by playing a poor beggar in a popular scenic spot and collecting money and food from kindhearted citizens.

Lu is a professional actor who has been playing the role of a beggar at the Qinming Shanghe Garden scenic area in China's Henan Province for the past 12 years. With his dirt-covered face, sad puppy eyes, and modest clothing, he has perfected the art of getting tourists to dig deep in their pockets and help a poor guy out. Only he is very good at pretending to be poor because, in reality, he is anything but that. The talented actor reportedly earns up to 70,000 yuan ($9,730) per month, plus more food than he could ever hope to eat.

People don dino costumes for record attempt

Carlsbad: Legoland California attempted a Guinness World Record by gathering 1,273 people in dinosaur costumes for a dance party of prehistoric proportions.

The dancing dinos gathered at the theme park in Carlsbad to attempt the Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of people dressed as dinosaurs.

The current record of 252 people was set in Los Angeles in 2019. A 2023 event in Dundurn, Saskatchewan, reportedly featured 1,187 people in dinosaur costumes, but that attempt has not been certified by Guinness World Records.

The Legoland dance party was held in anticipation of the park's new Dino Valley area, which officially opens Mar. 22.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Simple way to avoid iron deficiency anemia is to eat food rich in iron like green leafy vegetables, broccoli, fruits, whole grains and red meat.

By Dr. Giripunja M - Consultant - Haematology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Summer camp for students at Zoo: Entries invited

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Mysuru Zoo is organising a Summer Camp for students (aged between 12 and 18 years) in two batches.

The first batch will be from Apr.15 to 24 and second batch from May 6 to 15. Daily the camp starts at 10 am and ends at 4 pm.

During the camp, students will get exposure to basics of Captive Wild Animals Management and Wildlife Conservation. Students can learn about basics of Biodiversity, Animal behaviour and Conservation of wildlife. There will be both theory and practical classes covering various aspects of the issues. Zoo Officials and other Subject Matter Specialists will interact with the participants.

Interested students can collect the applications at Zoo Office from Mar. 11 to 16 and submit before Mar. 18 between 10 am and 5 pm. Only 60 students per batch will be selected on first-come-first-serve basis. For further details, contact Mob: 96866-68099 or send an e-mail to: *edumysore99@gmail.com*

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VOICE OF THE READER

Burning of toxic waste poses danger to residents

Sir,

The daily burning of toxic waste, particularly at night around 10 pm, on High Tension Double Road (near Vijayanagar Water Tank) is significantly impacting the health of the residents in the area.

We request the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities concerned to investigate this matter promptly and take necessary action to stop this hazardous practice.

Furthermore, it is crucial to address similar issues occurring elsewhere in the city also to ensure the overall well-being of the residents, especially small kids and elder citizens, some of them with asthma problems.

Since the term of the elected body of the City Corporation has ended some months back, the immediate intervention of the MCC Commissioner or the officials concerned is essential to mitigate the health risks posed by such burning activities.

—Dr. Srihari

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No online services by CESC for 10 days from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Due to upgradation of software, the CESC (Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited) has suspended its online customer services such as power bills payment, new connections, change of name, etc., for 10 days from Mar. 10 to 19 under its jurisdiction.

The suspension will be in effect in the limits of CESC Sub-divisions such as V.V. Mohalla, Hootagalli, Kuvempunagar, Ramakrishnanagar, Central, Chamundipuram, N.R. Mohalla and Jyothinagar in city, Nanjangud, K.R. Nagar, Hunsur, Chamarajanagar, Kollegal, Madikeri, Mandya, Malavalli, Hassan, Channarayapatna and Arasikere.

A press release from CESC also stated that it may take about 15 days for the online services to stabilise after the software is upgraded and appealed the public for co-operation during this period.

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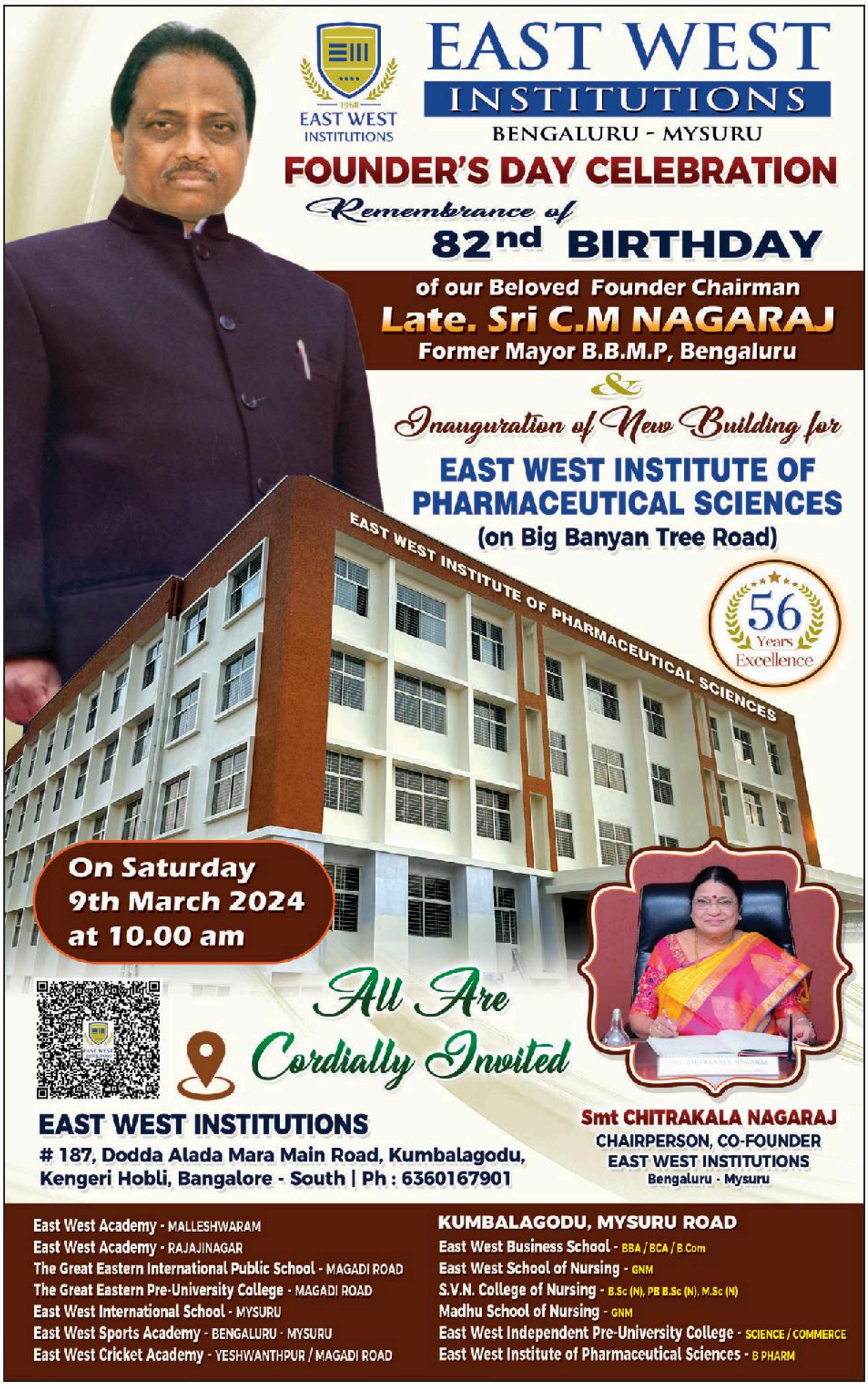
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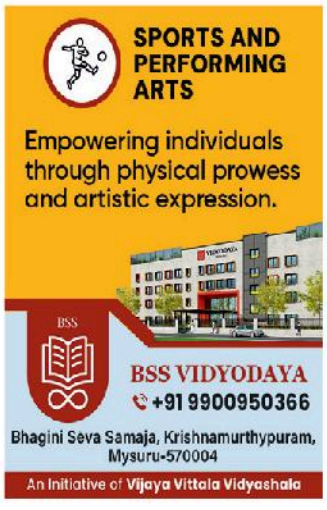
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NEWS BRIEFS

Violin concert and documentary

Heritage House, in association with Mysuru readers, is hosting a musical event by the city's violin prodigy Sumanth Manjunath today (Mar. 9) at 5.30 pm at Heritage House, near Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade, Mysuru. [Mob: 96112-40389]

Heritage House is also hosting a documentary screening of 'Thou Shall Not Steel' and discussion with the director on Mar. 10 at 6.30 pm. For registration, call Mob: 97411-73094.

City Police to host 10k/5k Run

On the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebrations of Karnataka State Police, Mysuru City Police have organised 'Karnataka Police Run - 10k/5k' on Mar. 10 starting at 6.30 am from Palace Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises with the slogan 'fitness to all and narcotic-free Karnataka.' [Mob: 70190-46226 or 78159-02520]

Free health camps

Geleyara Balaga Abhivruddhi Sahakara Sangha, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, in association with Aishwarya Hospital, will be conducting a free health check-up camp at the Sangha office premises from 7.30 am to 10 am tomorrow (Mar. 10). For details, call Mob: 98864-04956 or 94493-71839.

NJS Charitable Trust, in association with Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha, JSS Multispeciality Hospital, JSS Ayurveda Hospital, JSS Dental Hospital and Annapoorna Eye Hospital, will also be conducting a free health check-up camp at Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mantapa, near Mandi Police Station, Kabir Road, Mandi Mohalla, from 9.30 am to 2 pm on Mar. 12. For registration, call Mob: 94487-53597 or 99161-55453.

Coaching Class

Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation will conduct coaching class for candidates taking up written exam conducted by KPSC for recruitment of Gazetted Probationers (KAS), from Mar. 11 at its office in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage. [Ph: 0821-2301564 or Mob: 99457-52592]

Elected

Y.S. Harsha

B. Prakash

Y.S. Harsha and B. Prakash have been unanimously elected as the President and Vice-President respectively of the Mysore University Employees Co-operative Credit Society Ltd., at the recently held elections.

Unregistered homestays to be shutdown in Mysuru: DC

Tourism Department asked to design an exclusive website for public access

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (MTY&BCT)- For travellers seeking a home away from home, homestays are the preferred choice of accommodation, offering a cosy and personalised experience. Likewise, for owners of these accommodations, homestays serve as a valuable source of income.

However, it has come to the attention of the Mysuru District Administration that a significant number of homestays operate without proper registration. Consequently, the District Administration has taken the decision to close down unauthorised homestays currently operating in the district.

The number of unregistered homestays far exceeds the number of registered ones, raising concerns about compliance with regulations. These unregistered establishments operate outside the purview of the administration, leading to various complaints and issues.

Chairing the meeting of the Mysuru District Tourism Development Committee at the Zilla Panchayat Hall on Wednesday, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra noted a surge in the number of illegal homestays. He instructed the Tourism Department to take action against such establishments, ensuring thorough documentation of their activities.

DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra chairing the meeting of the Mysuru District Tourism Development Committee at the Zilla Panchayat Hall on Wednesday as SP Seema Latkar and others look on.

Exclusive Mysuru tourism website

Furthermore, he directed the Tourism Department to designate officers from each Department within the Tourism Committee and organise meetings every three months, inviting stakeholders from the tourism industry. These meetings aim to foster collaboration for the development of tourism and tourist sites.

In order to boost tourism in Mysuru, the Department has decided to launch an exclusive website to provide comprehensive information accessible to the public. This website will serve as a platform to offer details about tourist sites and other relevant information for both the public and tourists alike.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner emphasised that any upcoming hotels, restaurants or related facilities must first register under the Nidhi portal. This directive was addressed to the City Corporation and the Gram Panchayats operating within their jurisdictions.

Tourism promotion

Furthermore, he mentioned that necessary facilities required for the enhancement of tourist sites have already been developed and any further works in this regard will require permission from the Deputy Commissioner.

Efforts should be dedicated to addressing shortcomings in identified tourist spots, allocating necessary manpower for their enhancement. Moreover, any undiscovered tourist attractions should be identified, documented and incorporated into the tourism itinerary.

To entice tourists, promotional campaigns should encompass the creation of short videos and the organisation of competitions involving renowned bloggers and photographers, all centred around showcasing the beauty of these tourist spots. Cash rewards could be offered as incentives for outstanding contributions. Exceptional videos and photographs could then be compiled into coffee table books for wider dissemination.

Various tourism packages should be made available to attract tourists, including special tour packages or round-trip options. These efforts should be led by the Tourism Department to ensure effective execution, the DC added.

Dr. Rajendra underscored the importance of extensively utilising the new logo and tagline to promote the Mysuru brand. As part of this effort, a mascot named 'Gajju' has been introduced, depicting an elephant adorned with the iconic Mysuru Peta and dressed in traditional 'panche' or 'dhoti'.

The logo is complemented by the tagline 'Our Heritage Your Destination.' Additionally, the logo incorporates two caparisoned elephants positioned alongside the mythical bird 'Gandaberunda.'

Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri, SP Seema Latkar, Tourism Department Joint Director M.K. Savitha, Information Department Assistant Director T.K. Harish and others were present.

Dodda Jathre at Nanjangud Temple on Mar. 22

Nanjangud, Mar. 9- With thousands of devotees expected to throng Nanjangud to witness Gauthama Pancha Maharathotsava (Dodda Jathre) scheduled on Mar. 22, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra has instructed the officials to ensure all necessary arrangements are made in the temple town for the mega event.

Addressing the preliminary meeting of officials at the temple's Dasoha Bhavan on Tuesday, the Mysuru DC said that the Maharathotsava of Sri Srikanteshwaraswamy will be held on Mar. 22 and thousands of devotees are likely to participate.

"Officials must ensure cleanliness of the temple premises, provide drinking water and toilet facilities. Health care centres must be set up to prevent spreading of contagious diseases. Those who want to sponsor Prasada must take prior permission from authorities and a sample of the same must be tested before distributing to the devotees. Cleanliness must also be maintained around Kapila river," he told the officials.

Continuing, he said that PWD officials must inspect five chariots and issue a safety certificate. In addition, officials must take steps to ensure sufficient water supply to river Kapila on Jathra and Theppotsava days, he added.

"Energy Department must take care of illumination of prominent roads, circles and also near the temple premises. CCTV cameras and watch towers must be installed at public places like bus stands. Police officials must make security arrangements. Chariot pullers will be given uniform by the temple," he instructed the officials.

In view of a large footfall of devotees during Car Festival, officials must interact with respective departments to provide more buses and additional trains from Mar. 22 to 24.

MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan, ZP Deputy Secretary Dr. M. Krishnaraju, Temple Executive Officer Jagadish, Health Officer Eshwar Kanatke, Additional SP-2 M. Babu, Chief Priest Nagachandara Dixit and others were present at the meeting.

KSRTC bus conductor dies after falling from moving bus

Nanjangud, Mar. 9- The conductor of a Mysuru-bound KSRTC bus, who was standing on foot board has died after he accidentally fell from the moving bus near Mallanamoole Mutt in Nanjangud yesterday morning.

Mahadevaswamy (35), a native of Halepura village in Harave hobli of Chamarajanagar, is the deceased.

On receiving the information, Nanjangud Dy.SP Raghu, Town Police Station PSI Basavaraju, Traffic Police Station PSI Jayaprakash visited the spot for inspection.

Mahadevaswamy's body was handed over to relatives after post-mortem at Nanjangud Government Hospital. Last rites were performed at his native place yesterday evening.

CM Personal Secretary C.T. Kumar, KSRTC Divisional Controller H. Veeresh and staff consoled the grieving family members. Ex-gratia of Rs. 15,000 was given to bereaved family members.

Music Varsity Registrar passes away

Mysuru, Mar. 9- The city's KSGH Music and Performing Arts University Registrar M.R. Rajesh (54) passed away here on Wednesday following brief illness. A resident of Vijayanagar third stage in the city, he leaves behind his wife, son and a host of relatives and friends.

M.R. Rajesh

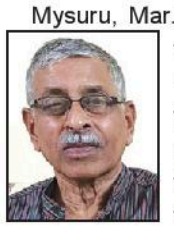
AKAS Officer, Rajesh had served as Tirthahalli Tahsildar, Mandya Assistant Commissioner, Chamundi Hill temple Administrative Officer, KIADB Special Land Acquisition Officer and in other posts, before being appointed as Music University Registrar in Sept. 2023.

His last rites were performed on Friday at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar Fourth stage with Police honours as per State Protocol. Tributes were paid to Rajesh at a condolence meeting held at the Music Varsity premises on Thursday.

Obituary

Arun

Mysuru, Mar.9- Arun (72), a former employee of the then Syndicate Bank and a resident of J.P. Nagar in the city, passed away here this morning. He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening.



Jeevan Tom

Jeevan Tom (20), a BCA final year student of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru, passed away yesterday in a road accident. He leaves behind his father Tom Joseph (an AIR employee), mother Mini Tom, sisters Divya Tom and Sneha Tom and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral rites will be held at Mount Carmel Church, Maria Nagar, Kamanakerehundi, on Mar. 10 at 3 pm.

N.Venkatachalappa

N. Venkatachalappa (68), a retired Tahsildar and a resident of Srirampura third stage in the city, passed away here on Wednesday. He leaves behind his wife Nagamani, daughters Poornima and Pratima, son Manjunath, daughter-in-law Mahalakshmi, sons-in-law Yashodhara and Sriharsha and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed on Wednesday.

Havildar N.R.Garudachar

Havildar N.R. Garudachar (85), a resident of Chamarajapuram in the city, passed away here on Mar. 3. He had served in Madras Regiment and fought two wars. He leaves behind his wife Kanthamani, daughters Padmasini and Vandana and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Jayanagar electric crematorium on Mar. 4.

Nataraj

Hunsur: Nataraj (32), a waterman of Karnakuppe Gram Panchayat in the taluk and a resident of Manuganahalli, passed away on Thursday. He leaves behind his parents, wife and relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at his village.

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By K.B. Ganapathy

Night of Shiva and the Well of Knowledge

If war is too important to be left to the Generals so also history is too important to be left to the Historians. That was the mistake post-independent India's first Congress government made when it decided to write the history of India. It chose mostly Leftist and Vote-Bank historians out to discredit the Indian (Hindu) rulers and heroes who shaped the ancient Hindu India.

Post-partition India got a **fractured** freedom in 1947. There were many brave-hearts, who got martyred fighting the mlecchas and Muslim invaders, but scarcely found a place in our history books. During Congress rule, immediately after independence, the emphasis was on writing and teaching Mughal and British history of India with a political purpose in view. In fact, Nehru's Congress government got written a tendentious history of our country that gullible Hindus read and believed till historians like **Dr. Vikram Sampath** and **J. Sai Deepak** appeared.

And worse, South of India was ignored. How much are we taught about Lords of the Deccan, the Chalukyas of sixth century CE and the Guptas and Mauryas of the 320 BCE? In the post-independent Indian schools and colleges, primarily, the history of India's humiliation from about eleventh century CE was taught. It was a history of foreign invasion and wars where Hindu kings lost after many victories and lost because of traitors who betrayed. At last we hear voices demanding justice in writing India's history without prejudice. To jest, history is bunk, but let it not be so when we ourselves write it. Did you get me Steve?

If this is the story of post-independent India's **political history,** there is also a similar story of post-independent India's **religious history.** The way Hindu religious teachings were banned in schools under the **Secular Principle** made applicable only to Hindus *(Sanatana Dharmis)* and not to other minority religions is hurting Hindu conscience.

Similarly Hindu temples too were discriminated against. Sadly not much is done in correcting this wrong even after 2014 though we are seeing a kind of Hindu renaissance and Hindu religious resurgence — example, Ayodhya and Kashi.

Yesterday it was the night of Lord Shiva. And anyone who thinks of Shiva will think of Kashi. Kashi Vishwanath temple in UP being immersed not in River Ganga but in raging court cases, archaeological survey showing to the people with eyes the solid evidence and the reports about the controversy going viral in the social media, the Lord may bless the devotees with success as in the case of Ayodhya. It is but a natural aspiration of Hindus. After all, as Jesus said 'Man does not live by bread alone but also by the word of God,' meaning by his faith.

Kashi Vishwanath temple was built and demolished three times so far. It was first vandalised in 1194 by one Muizz of Ghurid dynasty. Once again it was demolished for the second time in the 15th century by Sikandar Lodi. And Hindus rebuilt it. **But it was Aurangzeb who demolished it and in its place built the Gyanvapi Mosque in 1669.** Chhatrapati Shivaji, who had successfully challenged Aurangazeb, was in power as Maratha King who died in 1680. Wonder what was his reaction. Hope Dr. Vikram Sampath, the ruling young historian, would throw some light on this. After all, he (Shivaji) had worshipped at the temple after escaping from Aurangzeb's prison.

Aurangzeb died in 1707, aged 88 years and Marathas had already made inroads to what was then the Mughal empire. Ahilyabai Holkar, Rani of Indore, belonging to the Maratha Confederacy, was the reigning dowager queen! She was born in 1725 and died in 1795 at the age of 70. **Ahilyabai Holkar built the present Shiva temple in Kashi in the year 1776 (69 years after the death of Aurangzeb) adjacent to the Gyanvapi Mosque.**

The belief and evidence is that the original Shivalinga is what is now found inside the Gyanvapi, Well of Knowledge, where it was hidden by the temple priests at the time of the temple's destruction. When will we be able to worship the authentic Shivalinga? Only Shiva will know. Hindus have tolerated this historical wrong for the last 77 years after independence. Tolerance is a noble virtue in a society where tolerance is reciprocated.

The country was divided when its people belonging to two major religions could not live together in peace. But it is an irony for India that its majority Hindus are asked to be tolerant and live with the burden of past historical denials.

Om Namah Shivaya.

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Philanthropist Sudha Murty nominated to Rajya Sabha

PM Narendra Modi says, 'Testament of Nari Shakti'

New Delhi, Mar. 9 (Agencies)- President Droupadi Murmu has nominated Sudha Murty to the Rajya Sabha, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a social media post on Mar. 8. The 73-year-old's nomination coincided with International Women's Day yesterday. She received the *Padma Shri* award in 2006 and the *Padma Bhushan* in 2023.

Sudha Murty

"I am delighted that the President of India has nominated Sudha Murty Ji to the Rajya Sabha. Sudha Ji's contributions to diverse fields including social work, philanthropy and education have been immense and inspiring," PM Modi wrote on microblogging site X (formerly Twitter) while sharing the news.

The President of India nominates 12 members to the Upper House for their contributions towards arts, literature, science and social services.

Describing the author, philanthropist and former Chairperson of the Infosys Foundation as "a powerful testament to Nari Shakti", PM Modi wrote, "Her presence in the Rajya Sabha is a powerful testament to our 'Nari Shakti', exemplifying the strength and potential of women in shaping our nation's destiny. Wishing her a fruitful Parliamentary tenure."

Sudha Murty, who is travelling at the moment, thanked PM Modi for the nomination and said, "It's a big Women's Day gift to me. It's a new responsibility to work for the country." Sudha Murty was also congratulated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Replying to PM Modi's social media post, Sudha Murty wrote, "Thank you, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji. It is my privilege and honour to be nominated to the Rajya Sabha by our Hon'ble President of India Droupadi Murmu Ji. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve our nation."

Born on August 19, 1950, in Karnataka's Shiggaon, Sudha Murty began her career as a computer scientist and engineer, going on to become the first female engineer hired at Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company.

Wife of Infosys Founder N.R. Narayana Murthy, she is also the Chairperson of Murty Trust and has authored several books. Her son-in-law Rishi Sunak is Prime Minister of UK and her daughter Akshata Murty is a businesswoman, fashion designer and venture capitalist.

Sudha Murty is also a member of the public healthcare initiatives of the Gates Foundation. She has founded several orphanages, supported the movement to provide all Karnataka government schools with computer and library facilities, and established Murty Classical Library of India at the Harvard University.

102-year-old woman takes out *padayatra* to M.M. Hills temple

Chamarajanagar, Mar. 9- A 102-year-old woman has drawn public attention by taking out a *padayatra* to M.M. Hills in the district at such a ripe old age.

Parvathamma

Parvathamma, a native of Tiptur taluk in Tumakuru district is the woman who has covered a distance of 18 kms by foot. Notably, she has been doing it for the past 4 to 5 years. Her feat caught public attention when a devotee video-recorded her *padayatra,* which has gone viral in social media. Explaining the reason behind her *yatra,* she said she has been praying Lord Malai Mahadeshwara for the well being of the country, farmers and also for copious rains.

When asked who she wants to see as the Prime Minister, Parvathamma said Modi as the PM will do good for the country.

Brahma Kumaris to celebrate Intl. Women's Day tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya will be celebrating International Women's Day by holding a seminar on the topic "Women's development - Challenges and Opportunities" at 'Om Shanti Mantap' near Chandrakala Hospital on Kalidasa Road, Jayalakshmipuram, at 11 am tomorrow (Mar. 10).

Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Prabhavati Hiremath will inaugurate the seminar. Noted Danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doreswamy, Dandeli JMFC Civil Judge Rohini D. Basapur, Counsellor Dr. Bharathi and Srirampura SBI Branch Manager Nalinakshi will be the guests of honour. B.K. Lakshmiji will grace the occasion.

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Vikram Muthanna

BJP: Vikas & Vishwas

This morning, sources in New Delhi told *Star of Mysore* that Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha's chances of getting a ticket for the 2024 Lok Sabha election are 50/50.

This reminds me of the saying: *'If it ain't broke, don't fix it.'* Our MP is working. So why the change? Is it because of senior State BJP leaders' desperate need for 'adjustment' politics?

But what about BJP voters' need for *'Vikas'?*

There is a mindset among the State BJP leaders that the Modi wave continues, so no matter who stands they will win. This may be true.

But there is only so much a PM can do for our city, ultimately our local MP has to do the work. Mysuru needs an MP who works, not a celebrity or a dynast. We've had those in the past and they hardly did any work.

We should judge a leader by how he/she serves their constituents not how he/she serves the partymen or his personal life. In that sense, Prathap Simha has done right by his constituents.

Two decades ago, we Mysureans did not even know who our MP was. We did not know what work an MP could do for us. Now 9 years in, we know what work an MP can do for his Constituency.

We saw it just within a few months after Prathap Simha became the MP. The heritage Tipu Armoury, which was not moved for over a decade, preventing double tracking between Mysuru and Bengaluru, was finished within a year. Today, we have trains every 20 minutes to Bengaluru.

Since then, development works have continued. Today, we have an Expressway, a functioning airport with expansion plans, new train stations, gas pipelines, water projects and a plan for a Metro Rail in Mysuru. Did we ever think this was possible?

Prathap Simha has been pro-development. I say this with the experience of two incidents.

I was invited to be a part of a meeting where two senior executives from the TATA group wanted to take feedback from local industrialists as they were planning to set up an OSAT (Outsourced Semi-conductor Assembly and Testing) Plant in Mysuru. The factory was to come near the airport and would employ about 2,000 people.

The meeting was attended by MP Pratap Simha. He let everyone give their feedback and later spoke at length about the advantages that Mysuru has over other cities in terms of water, connectivity and human resources.

After the meeting when the executive was leaving, Prathap Simha walked ahead and opened the car door for the senior-most executive.

As he opened the door, Prathap Simha said, *"Sir, I request you. We need jobs in our city, we have a lot of youths graduating and education is good in Mysuru."*

The senior executive smiled, sat in the car and closed the door. A few seconds later, he suddenly opened the car door, stepped out and put his hand on Prathap Simha's shoulder, saying, *"I have met many politicians, but you are the first to open the car door for me and also the first to repeatedly ask for jobs."* He then requested Prathap Simha, *"I would like to have a photo with you."*

To this, Prathap Simha added, ***"Sir, thank you. But I have one more request. I hope you don't take it the wrong way. I have information that Coimbatore is also in the running for this factory and you are both Tamilians, so you may be a little biased. But when you make your decision about which city to set up the factory in, Sir, I hope you'll remember that the water you drink is from Mysuru-Kodagu, my Constituency."***

The executive smiled, shook his head and tapped Prathap Simha on his shoulder. I and others who were there were impressed by his quick thinking and sincerity.

Another instance was at the inauguration of ***'Swami and Friends Statuary'*** in Yadavagiri. Someone spoke about the Railway tracks close by. The topic then led Prathap Simha to speak at length about the importance of planning Metro Rail connectivity for Mysuru right now. He said, ***"Yes, the Union Government may not have selected Mysuru to be a Smart City, but it is up to us to make it a future-ready city and Metro is a must for that to happen."***

As news circulates regarding the uncertainty of Prathap Simha's ticket, one has to ask, will Central BJP turn a blind eye to *Vikas* and succumb to Karnataka BJP's senior leaders' ADJUSTMENT POLITICS?

If the latter is true, then the BJP has not learnt from its State election debacle. Most importantly, the State BJP's senior leadership with its 'adjustment politics' will leave not only Mysuru's *Vikas* in limbo but also leave two dominant communities in the Old Mysuru region leaderless — Lingayats and Vokkaligas.

Already, the senior BJP leadership has made the Lingayat community in Mysuru-Kodagu region, a leaderless community.

The very fact that V. Somanna lost to Siddaramaiah with such a massive margin in a Lingayat-dominant Constituency like Varuna suggests that 'adjustment politics' has played a hand.

Now if the same hand makes sure Prathap Simha does not get a ticket, there will be no vociferous leaders for BJP or the Vokkaliga community in Mysuru.

Good for Congress and very good for senior BJP leaders who want their sons to rule with no 'internal competition.'

It's time for the BJP to find new young, nationalist and development-conscious leaders in these communities and nurture them. The oldies have too much understanding with the Congress. They've been scratching each other's back for a long time.

That is why no matter who comes to power, no

one gets caught in corruption cases. In fact, it was only Prathap Simha, who challenged Congress to investigate State BJP leaders, who the Congress claimed were corrupt during the election campaign. Maybe that is why Prathap Simha is seen as a problem by the State BJP leadership.

BJP, be warned. Do not take your voters for granted. Yes, BJP voters in Mysuru-Kodagu want Narendra Modi to be the PM, but they also want an MP who has the same penchant for development as Prathap Simha.

So please name a candidate with the same ability as Prathap Simha — to stand outside the Railway Minister's Office and beg for trains for his Constituency. The same humility to open the car door for a senior industry executive and beg for jobs for the youths of his Constituency. The same vision to have Metro Rail and see it through. The same attitude where his constituents come first and party next.

Else, you will bring a slow death to Mysuru's development and worse, set a bad precedent — that, work for *Vikas* does not guarantee one a ticket in the BJP.

The BJP should not set such a precedent, if it is truly a party of *Vikas*. Else, they may end up losing their voters' *Vishwas*.

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Vasu, a close aide of Moily

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A close associate of former Chief Minister and former Union Minister Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Vasu served as the Political Secretary of Moily when he was the Chief Minister (1992-94).

Whenever Moily came to Mysuru on a visit irrespective of personal and professional engagements, Vasu was prominently accompanying his political mentor.

Vasu unsuccessfully contested the Assembly polls from Chamaraja Constituency twice on a Congress ticket in 1999 and 2008 losing to H.S. Shankarlingegowda of the BJP.

However, he succeeded in getting elected from the same Constituency in 2013. Serving as an MLA, Vasu, who was a staunch Congressman, played a key role in the establishment of new Jayadeva Hospital on KRS Road and the construction of Trauma Care Centre, District Hospital, Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital, all in PKTB Sanatorium premises on KRS road which resulted in KRS road becoming

the health care hub of the city as the road is lined up with many major Hospitals.

He was also instrumental in the construction of Maharani's Commerce and Management College for women in Paduvarahalli. But he lost to L. Nagendra of the BJP in the 2018 Assembly polls and failed to get the Congress party ticket in the 2023 Assembly polls.

Vasu, who was a multi-faceted personality, also served as Chairman of Karnataka Industrial Development Bank, as President of Mysore Industries Association (MIA) and Mysuru Athletics Association, during his decades long political career as a Congressman. He has also made his own mark in the Co-operative sector serving as the Vice-president of Karnataka Apex Bank.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda, K. Harishgowda and D. Ravishankar, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, city Congress President R. Murthy and District President Dr B.J. Vijaykumar were among the early visitors to the Hospital this morning after coming to know of the former MLA's death.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K.Shivakumar, who is also the KPCC President, has condoled the death of former MLA Vasu. In his condolence message, Shivakumar said he was deeply pained upon coming to know of Vasu's demise. Recalling his association with Vasu and the services of the former MLA as Mysuru Mayor and Chamaraja MLA, he said that the former MLA played an active role in the organisation of the Congress party in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts. He prays for the departed soul to rest in peace, the Deputy CM said.

The Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) too has condoled the death of Vasu. In its condolence message, KUWJ President Shivanand Tagadur recalled the services of Vasu as Mysuru Mayor and Chamaraja MLA.

K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa opens office in MCC

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (MK&DM)- K.R. BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa opened his new office in the MCC Main office premises on New Sayyaji Rao road here on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Srivatsa said that he has opened his office in order to provide better service to the people of his constituency.

Pointing out that as this office is close to the city bus stand, it would be easy for the people to visit his office to get their problems addressed, the MLA said he will be available in this office from 7.30am to 11.30am and from 4pm to 8pm on all days after the Lok Sabha polls. He would devote most of his time for hearing public grievances, he added.

MP Prathap Simha who spoke after inaugurating the office, said he would win the LS polls from Mysuru-Kodagu constituency by a huge margin of over 2 lakh, with support from the party workers .

Arguing that the Lok sabha polls is a national election, he said that the people will take the country's larger interests into consideration while exercising their franchise.

Pointing out that the people are eager to see Modi becoming the Prime Minister for the third consecutive term, he said he had won the LS polls in the name of Modi and he would register a hat-trick of wins by winning for the third time.

BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra, city BJP President and former MLA L.Nagendra, District Preident L.R.Mahadevaswamy, former MLC Thontadarya, former Mayor Shivakumar, former Deputy Mayor Dr.G.Roopa, party leaders M.V.Ramprasad, K.J.Ramesh, M..G.Mahesh, B.M.Raghu, Giridhar, Gopalraje Urs and Jogi Manju were present.

Water released from KRS Dam

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This morning, the Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL), responsible for managing the Dam, was making preparations to open two additional crest gates, further facilitating the release of water to alleviate the water shortage in Bengaluru.

Bengaluru, with its 1.3 crore population, faces a shortfall of over 1,500 MLD (Million Litres Per Day) in its daily water needs, which ranges between 2,600-2,800 MLD.

Though CNNL officials were tight-lipped about the sudden water release, sources told Star of Mysore that the water release was in response to the drinking water crisis in Bengaluru. None of the officers were available for comments. However, the KRS Dam water release data from the Mandya District Administration shows that 1,500 cusecs (outflow) of water is being released since yesterday.

The water level at the Dam has dipped to 89.24 ft today as against the maximum level of 124.80 ft. The Dam can hold 49.452 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) of water but the current capacity is only 15.490 tmcft. The live capacity is 7.111 tmcft and the remaining water is the dead storage level. The Dam has a minimum inflow of 136 cusecs.

Bengaluru has introduced a penalty for wasting drinking water and the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board has recommended economical use of drinking water keeping the crisis in mind. The city residents have been urged to avoid using drinking water for washing vehicles, construction and entertainment purposes, and at cinema halls and malls (except for drinking purposes). A penalty of Rs. 5,000 will be imposed on violators and in case of repetitions, they will be fined an additional amount of Rs. 500 every time, the Board has decided.

Unkempt toilets add to civic woes

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (SPN&BS)- Lack of maintenance at most of the public toilets with urinals at parks and public places in the city has been testing the patience of general public, with the tepid smell emanating from these urinals.

The toilet complexes including urinals at D. Jaware Gowda Park and Sri Rama Park in Saraswathipuram, Lava Kusha Park in Kuvempunagar, Snake Park in Vidyaranyapuram, Subbarao Park in Nivedita Nagar and several other parks in the city are neglected with no maintenance and cleaning, complained Basavaraj, a senior citizen.

At some of the places, toilets have been locked due to the lack of adequate maintenance staff. In such cases, alternate measures should be taken. If this is the pathetic situation in Mysuru which topped Clean City rankings, will it be possible for the city to reclaim the top spot? asked Basavaraj.

The officials should focus on such issues as it has been already brought to the notice of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner, he said.

KSRTC Mysuru Division to add 60 buses

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (BLU&BS)- With Shakti scheme of the State Government driving more women towards KSRTC buses for free bus rides, the State Government has decided to procure 6,000 new buses. KSRTC, Mysuru Division has submitted a proposal for 60 buses to cater to the surge in demand.

Ever since the launch of the scheme in July last, the buses are running full with passengers jostling for space. Foot-board travelling has also resumed, with men finding it difficult to make way through brimming women passengers Similar is the situation of school and college students.

Taking this into cognisance, the State Government has decided to add 6,000 more buses to its fleet and 260 buses will be purchased in the first phase. It includes 100 Pallakki Non-AC category buses, 120 ordinary buses and 40 AC buses.

There has been a surge in number of passengers following the launch of Shakti scheme. It is obviously turning into a bane for school and college going students. Hence, with the onset of exam season, our officers are handling the situation by staying put at bus stations for the ease of students.

—Srinivas
Divisional Controller,
KSRTC Mysuru Division

KSRTC Mysuru Division Divisional Controller Srinivas said "Of the total buses to be purchased, we have raised the proposal for 60 buses which is expected to be considered in another three to four months. It includes Ashwamedha category buses and ordinary buses."

Presently, KSRTC Mysuru Division has 718 buses. Permission is sought from higher officers to scrap 40 buses. With the new buses expected by the time, said number of buses will be sent to scrap and there won't be any inconvenience, he added.

That apart, KSRTC Mysuru Division has already received 14 electric buses and 25 other types of buses. There are neither any demand for buses from any routes nor complaints related to shortage of buses, said Srinivas.

Two CESC personnel held for graft

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (SBD&DM)- Two CESC Personnel, an Assistant Engineer and a Junior lineman, were caught by the Lokayukta Police while accepting bribe for a favour.

G. Harish, Assistant Engineer at Kuvempunagar CESC Sub-Division and Gundappa, Junior lineman at the same Sub-division are the ones who were caught.

Abhishek, a Bengaluru-based Electrical Contractor, had sought an additional 20 KW power connection for a commercial building, for which AE Harish had demanded bribe of Rs. 10,000. Subsequently, Abhishek lodged a complaint with the

G. Harish *Gundappa*

Lokayukta Police.

Harish was caught when he was accepting the demanded bribe through Lineman Gundappa at his office on Thursday.

The operation was carried out by Lokayukta Inspectors Umesh and Jayarathna as directed by Lokayukta SP V.J. Sajith and under the guidance of Dy.SP V. Krishnaiah.

Mahashivarathri festival celebrated

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (MTY, BLU& BS)- Various pujas and special decorations marked the celebration of Mahashivarathri at various temples in the district on Friday.

Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple near Jayamarthanda Gate in Mysore Palace premises, 101 Shivalingas at Gurukula and Kameshwara Kameshwari Temple, both on Ramanuja Road, Mahalingeshwara Swamy Temple at Lingambudhi Lake, Mahabaleshwara Swamy Temple atop Chamundi Hill, Chandramouleshwara Swamy Temple at V.V. Mohalla, Mahadeshwara Swamy Temples in various parts of the city and district attracted devotees in large numbers, where some of them did jaagarane (night vigil by staying awake overnight) to complete the ritual.

Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple at Mysore Palace where the idol of Linga is decorated with Chinnada Kolaga (Golden Mask) only during Mahashivarathri was the cynosure of all the eyes. The temple was open for darshan from 6 am to wee hours next day. To supplement religious fervour, the imposing Palace was also illuminated from 7 pm to 10 pm.

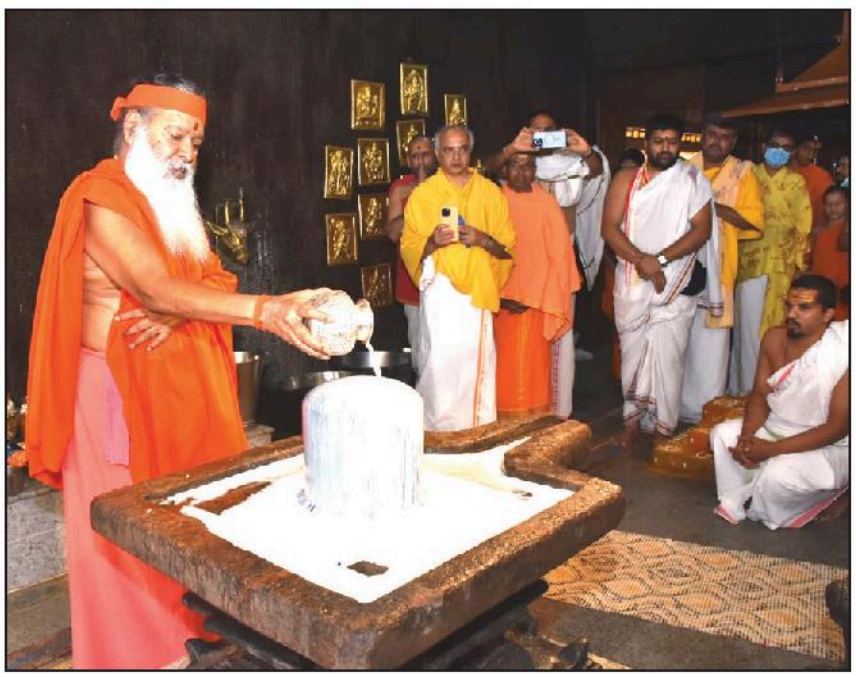
As is the tradition, the first puja to presiding deity was conducted in the name of Wadiyars, the erstwhile rulers of Mysore. Titular head of Mysore Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, accompanied by his wife Trishikha Kumari and son Aadyaveer also had the darshan of presiding deity.

Mahadeswhara Swamy Temples on Mysuru-T. Narasipura Road, Sunnadakeri, Halladakeri, Paduvarahalli and K.T. Street, also attracted devotees in large numbers. Haalaravi Utsava was celebrated at Mahadeshwara Temples in rural areas like Moodalahundi, Badagalahundi and other villages in the surroundings.

Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road, Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple at Vijayanagar in the city also saw a steady flow of devotees.

As part of Mahashivarathri, Sri Kanyakaparameshwari Temple Trust, Ashoka Road in the city, has organised 'Eka Dasha Rudra Mahadarshan' at Kannika Mahal. The visitors can see various forms of Linga recreated using thermocol by artistes, in the backdrop of special lighting arrangements. The visitors can have the darshan till Mar. 11 between 8 am and 8.30 pm, according to S.K. Dinesh President of the Temple Trust.

The Shivalinga at Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple in Mysore Palace premises adorned with Chinnada Kolaga (Golden Mask) on the occasion of Mahashivarathri celebrations yesterday. *Pic. right:* ***A priest performing arati for 101 Shivalingas at Gurukula on Ramanuja Road, which opens its doors once in a year on Mahashivarathri Day.***



Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji performing Linga Puja at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday along with devotees. *Pic. right:* ***Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamij performing Abhisheka to the Linga in the presence of a large number of devotees at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road.***

Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji performing arati to the deity at Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple in Vijayanagar yesterday. *Pic. right:* ***Shivalinga Puja at Sri Kanyakaparameshwari Temple on Ashoka Road on the occasion of Mahashivarathri celebrations yesterday.***

Marking International Women's Day in SWR, Mysuru Division

All-women crew steers Rajya Rani Express

Shilpi Agarwal** (extreme right), **Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, flagging off the all-women crew Rajya Rani Express from city Railway Station yesterday along with the members of South Western Railway Women's Welfare Organisation.

Loco Pilot G. Shreesha operating the Rajya Rani Express to mark International Women's Day yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (BCT)- On International Women's Day yesterday, the Mysuru Division of South Western Railway hosted a unique event commemorating women's achievement, wherein the Rajya Rani Express was expertly operated by an all-women crew on the route between Mysuru and Bengaluru. This initiative stands as a tribute to the empowerment of women and the pursuit of gender equality within the Indian Railways.

The all-women crew, consisting of Lady Loco Pilot G. Shreesha, Assistant Loco Pilot G. Sona, Train Manager Priyadarshini, lady Ticket Examiners and Railway Police Force (RPF) Escort, flawlessly managed the operations of the Rajya Rani Express, showcasing their expertise and commitment.

The train was flagged off from the Mysuru City Railway Station by the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of the SWR Mysuru Division Shilpi Agarwal to coincide with the 2024 Women's Day theme, 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' resonated deeply. The event focused on fostering economic empowerment and advocating for inclusivity to propel tangible advancements for women in the workforce.

The overarching campaign theme, 'Inspire Inclusion', encapsulated the spirit of the occasion, highlighting the indispensable role of women in shaping the future of the Indian Railways. The DRM, accompanied by members of the South Western Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, distributed rosebuds and toffees to passengers, symbolising appreciation and solidarity.

Addressing the gathering, Shilpi Agarwal underscored the significance of acknowledging and supporting women within the Indian Railways to drive positive transformations and cultivate a more inclusive and equitable work environment, thereby championing the cause of women's empowerment within the Railways.

Additional Divisional Railway Managers E. Vijaya and Vinayak Naik, Senior Divisional Operations Manager Ankita Verma, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager J. Lohiteshwara, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer Vishnu Gouda, members of the South Western Railway Women's Welfare Organisation as well as other senior officers and staff were present during the flagging-off ceremony.

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Department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Mysore.
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On behalf of the Governor, Government of Karnataka, the Department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage. Mysuru has invited the itemwise tender for the 03 works (DAMH/2023-24:OW/WORK_INDENT-34 Call-2. 50,51)under the standard tender documents KW- 1, 2 The minimum amount Rs.15.13 lakhs and Maximum amount Rs.20.34 lakhs kept for these tenders as per Standard Tender bid Document. Tender documents can be obtained through e-portal from date 05.03.2024 onwards.

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Dated: 08.03.2024

A Walk-in-Interview for Project Assistants (3) purely on contract basis as detailed below will be held on **13.03.2024** at CSRTI, Mysuru at the above address:

#	Post and Project	No. of posts	Period Up to	Qualification	Date of interview	Time for interview
1	Project Assistant (A): Studies on virulence status of different *microsporidian* species in silkworm (*Bombyx mori* L.)	1	Dec 2026 or completion of project whichever is earlier	B.Sc. in Sericulture/ Zoology/Microbiology/ Biochemistry/Biotechnology with minimum 60% marks (55% for SC/ST candidates)	13.03.2024	10:30 AM (Reporting time: 09:00 AM)
2	Project Assistant (B): Life Cycle Assessment of Mulberry Silk: A National Assessment	2	Jan 2025 or completion of project whichever is earlier	B.Sc. in relevant subject (Agriculture/Life Science) or Work experience in Environmental Science/ Soil Science/Chemistry/ Sericulture/Ecology/ Botany with minimum 60% marks (55% for SC/ ST candidates)	13.03.2024	11:30 AM (Reporting time: 10:00 AM)

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Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival - 2024 begins

The theme 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava' rings in message of inclusivity as artistes dressed as Basavanna, Sharanas emerge from behind the screen

An artiste, dressed as 12th Century social reformer Basavanna, performs as the dignitaries watch during the inauguration of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival-2024 at Vanaranga, Rangayana in the city on Thursday. *Seated from left:* ***Deputy Director of Rangayana Nirmala Mathapati, film lyricist and writer Jayant Kaikini, Additional Deputy Commissioner P. Shivaraju, MLA K. Harishgowda, Convener of Bahuroopi-2024 Prof. H.S. Umesh and Joint Director of Kannada & Culture Department V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy. Picture right shows sculptor-artist L. Shivalingappa*** *(extreme right)* ***explaining about the series of paintings depicting Basavanna's vachanas at the exhibition organised as part of Bahuroopi.***

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (PM&BS)- Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival-2024, organised by Rangayana, Mysuru, got off to a good start at Vanaranga in the premises of the repertory on Vinobha Road in the city on Thursday.

The annual Theatre Festival planned with unique theme every year, this time is themed after 12th Century social reformer Basavanna's vachana 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava' meaning 'He/ she is ours' spreading the message of inclusiveness in the society.

Noted film lyricist and writer Jayant Kaikini inaugurated the Festival by lifting the screen from which emerged the artistes dressed as Basavanna and Sharanas embodying the theme of the Theatre Festival. The five-day Theatre Festival concludes on Mar. 11.

In his address, Kaikini said: "All forms of art including theatre has the quality to widen the scope of our knowledge. However, we are in a stage where man hates man amid the pace of social media and the art holds a significant task of getting rid of such acrimonious feelings towards each other."

Recalling the words of his father, Kaikini said: "There is no spirituality beyond mamathe (caring) and samathe (equality), which comes without much efforts and it is a simple philosophy. Our society is not standing on a single pillar, but is a canopy of thousands of pillars."

"The visit to Rangayana brings to mind B.V. Karanth (the Founder of the State's first theatre repertory), whom I had met during a programme 20 years ago. He had spoken positively expressing his joy over watching a play of mine. I had asked him specifically and he had mentioned about the play 'Arpane Puta'. That play was dedicated to all the drama companies who had pitched the camp for Shivarathri Jatre at Gokarna," recalled Kaikini.

Earlier, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Shivaraju released the special edition of Bahuroopi Theatre Festival.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, who presided over the inaugural session, inaugurated the exhibition-cum-sale of various handicrafts, books and paintings among several other products organised in the premises of Rangayana.

On the first day of the event, Rabindranath Tagore's Kannada play 'Lokada Olahorage' directed by B. Suresh and enacted by artistes of Rangasampada Theatre Troupe, Bengaluru, was staged at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises. Another Kannada play titled 'Muttisikondavanu,' written by journalist P. Lankesh and directed by K.R. Nandini, was staged by repertory artistes of Rangayana, Mysuru, at Bhoomigeeta auditorium.

'Shishunala Sharifa,' a Kannada play enacted by artistes of *Padma Shri* Chindodi Leela's KBR Drama Company and directed by Chindodi L. Chandradhara, was also staged in the evening at Kalamandira.

Joint Director of Kannada and Culture Department V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Convener of Bahuroopi-2024 Prof. H.S. Umesh, Deputy Director of Rangayana Nirmala Mathapati were present.

Bahuroopi Film Festival inaugurated

Wildlife Photographer Lokesh Mosale *(third from left)* ***inaugurated Bahuroopi Film Festival at Sriranga auditorium in Rangayana premises on Mar. 7. He is seen with*** *(from left)* ***Bahuroopi Film Festival Co-ordinator B.N. Shashikala, Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati, Bahuroopi-2024 Convenor Prof. H.S. Umesh, Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Bahuroopi Film Festival Convenor K. Manu.***

Artistes of Rangasampada theatre troupe, Bengaluru, staging the play 'Lokada Olahorage' at Kirurangamandira on Thursday. Picture right shows a scene from the play 'Muttisikondavanu' presented by Rangayana, Mysuru, at Bhoomigeeta auditorium in Rangayana on the inaugural day of Bahuroopi-2024.

Police hold route march ahead of Lok Sabha Election

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (BCT)- In preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha election and the peaceful celebrations of the Mahashivarathri festival (observed yesterday), a route march was held in the city on Mar. 8.

Led by senior Police officials, including City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth and DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj and ACP Narasimharaja Sub-Division Sudhakar, the march aimed to maintain law and order and ensure peace.

Starting at 8 am, the procession commenced from the D.V.N. Circle and proceeded towards the Naidu Nagar bus stop, covering the jurisdiction of the Narasimharaja Sub-Division. The march involved Police personnel from various law and order divisions, demonstrating a unified effort to uphold security measures.

The event was part of the ongoing preparations to safeguard public safety and served as a visible presence of law enforcement, reassuring citizens of the authorities' commitment to maintaining order.

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Intl. Women's Day at K.R. Hospital

As part of International Women's Day yesterday, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani (in blue saree) greeted all the women staff of K.R. Hospital and celebrated the day by cutting cake. K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. H.P. Shobha (in black dress), Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Dr. Nayaz Pasha, Administrative Officer (AO) K.M. Chandrakala (in pink saree), Nursing and other staff are seen.

Old enmity: Man murdered at Rajivnagar

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RK&BCT)- A man was murdered last evening at Rajivnagar First Stage over old enmity. The victim has been identified as **Hafiz Mohammed Akmal** (44), son of late Taj Pasha, a resident of Rajivnagar.

According to the Police and a complaint registered at the Udayagiri Police Station, Hafiz Mohammed Akmal was riding his bike near the Nimra Masjid and Arya Bakery at around 8.30 pm.

Police said that a group of three to four assailants pounced on Akmal, stabbed him in multiple places and assaulted him with iron rods. Old enmity and a quarrel over a flex banner issue is the suspected motive, according to the Police.

Akmal was rushed to a hospital by passers-by and relatives but could not survive the attack.

Akmal leaves behind his wife, a daughter and a son.

The Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at Nimra Grounds at 5.30 pm and the last rites will be held at Tafuz Khabarastan.

Udayagiri Police have registered a case based on the complaint given by Akmal's family members and are looking out for the assailants.

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6. Laundry Services

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The Mysore Race Club Charitable Trust reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason.

Date : 09th March 2024

Sd/- Secretary In - Charge,
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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR THE POST OF PROJECT ASSISTANTS

A Walk-in-Interview will be held on **13.03.2024** at Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute, Srirampura, Mysuru-570 008 as shown below:

'A' engaging 01 (one) Project Assistant (PA) under the project entitled under the CSB approved **"Studies on virulence status of different microsporidian species in silkworm (Bombyx mori L)"** purely on contract basis for the period up to Dec 2026 or till completion of the project, whichever is earlier-Qualifications, B.Sc. in Sericulture/ Zoology/Microbiology/Biochemistry/ Biotechnology with minimum 60% marks (55% for SC/ST candidates). Walk-in-Interview will be held on **13.03.2024**, time 10:30 AM (candidates should reach the venue by 09:00 AM for verification of documents).

'B' 02 (Two) Project Assistants purely on contract basis for a period up to Jan 2025 or completion of project whichever is earlier under CSB approved project **"Life Cycle Assessment of Mulberry Silk: A National Assessment" (PC: MTL01025MI)"**- Qualifications, B.Sc. in relevant subject (Agriculture/Life Science) or Work experience in Environmental Science/Soil Science/Chemistry/Sericulture/Ecology/Botany, with minimum 60% marks (55% for SC/ST candidates). Walk-in-Interview will be held on **13.03.2024**, time 11:30 AM (candidates should reach the venue by 10:00 AM for verification of documents). **Interested can also visit our website www.cstrimys.res.in for details.**

Sd/- Dr. S. Gandhi Doss
DIRECTOR

WORD OF THE DAY

Opprobrium

Pronunciation: uh-PROH-bree-um.
Meaning: Opprobrium refers to very strong disapproval or criticism of a person or thing especially by a large number of people.
Origin: Opprobrium is quite formal and has few close relations in English. It comes from the Latin verb opprobrāre, which means "to reproach." That verb, in turn, comes from the noun probrum, meaning "a disgraceful act" or "reproach." The adjective form of opprobrium is opprobrious, which in English means "deserving of scorn" or "expressing contempt." One might commit an "opprobrious crime" or be berated with "opprobrious language," for example.
Example: "Caught up in a whirlwind of public opprobrium, ... the brand's executives seemed unsure how to react, before finally offering up statements of public apologies and self-recrimination." — Vanessa Friedman, The New York Times, 1 June 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Ideophone

Word that is spoken but not written.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

It's anyone's call

Meaning: The expression "It's anyone's call" explains a situation in which any possible outcome is as likely as the next, where it is almost impossible to predict what will happen.
Origin: The phrase most likely started from a sports game where a ref had to "make a call", meaning he had to make a 'verdict.'
Example: "The score is so close that the game really is anyone's call."

QUOTE BOX

Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves? **—Robin Williams**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Once upon a time.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Documents or manuscripts
6 India's celebrated athlete (1,1,4)
10 Speak a certain way
11 ITO in U.S.
12 Goes forwards
14 A negative vote
16 Lying flat
17 Allow or rent
19 Roman dress
21 Star Wars, initially
22 Flight prefix
23 French philosopher Jean Paul ___
25 Large sea eel
27 Spanish cheer
28 Turkish military leader
29 Liken to
32 Sent to sleep or soothed
35 Moves fast
36 Notice of exception, abbr.
38 Prefix for wine
39 Make an offer
40 Of a city
42 Some promos
43 Dodging, sidestepping / eluding
45 Deity of Babylonian religion
46 Much-admired figure
47 Common or reciprocal
48 Absolutely latest?

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

P	O	K	E		M	E	R		H	A	T	E
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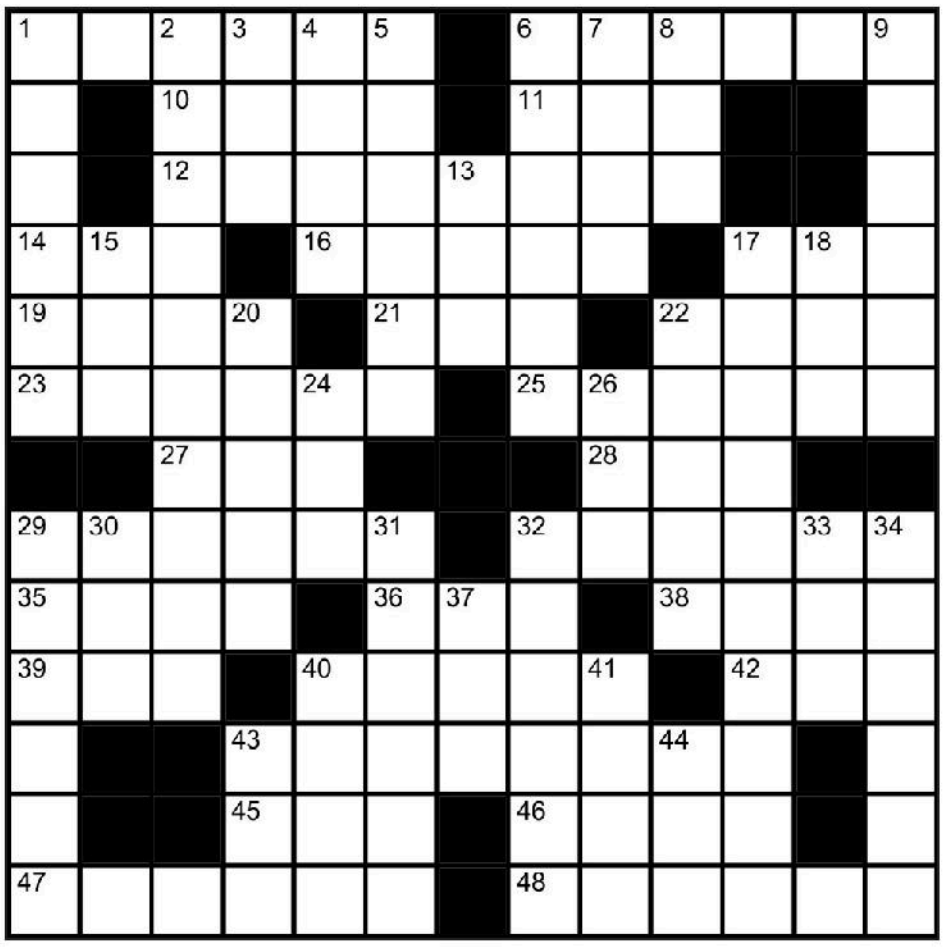
N	O	T	E		N	S	E		A	S	A	N

DOWN

1 Units of scoring in a game
2 School's games area
3 Muslim festival
4 Invitation letters
5 Meagre
6 Outdoor meal
7 Tall plant
8 United State Steamship, abbr.
9 One that unlawfully seizes an inheritance
13 Incline the head
15 Angle-of-attack
17 Lawyer (slang) (5,5)
18 Before - "ree" anagram ?
20 Book of maps
22 "English" as a prefix
24 Soak in water
26 African org.
29 Metallic element - "I rub me" anagram?
30 French for 'who'
31 Join or enlist? (US)
32 Do an usher's job (4,2)
33 Come to a conclusion
34 Refrain, abstain or halt
37 Kimono sash
40 Eye part
41 Pheasant's nest
43 Rajasthan's Mount ___
44 At this very moment



SUDOKU

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5								3
			8		4	6		
	4			8				7
			1	5		4	9	
2								

Answer to previous puzzle

2	9	5	1	6	8	7	4	3
4	7	3	2	5	9	6	1	8
6	8	1	4	7	3	2	5	9
8	6	2	7	9	5	4	3	1
9	1	7	3	4	2	5	8	6
3	5	4	6	8	1	9	2	7
7	3	8	5	2	6	1	9	4
5	4	9	8	1	7	3	6	2
1	2	6	9	3	4	8	7	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EFXI, OMHQR, IAX UXN YHV; YFP RAVF

YPXHF UXNHQVGO YTTXHPMFCGU.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS U

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: In looking back, I see nothing to regret and little to correct.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
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- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
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- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Shaitaan (H) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Bhimaa (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
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- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
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Gaami (Te)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 10.10 pm
Jog 101 (K)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 7.05 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	(S-2)	1.25 pm, 7.10 pm
Dune Part 2 (E)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Navarasa Nayaka & As a Ranganayaka (K)	(S-2)	9.50 pm; (S-4) 10.35 am
Blink (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Bhima (Te)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Manjumale (Ma)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Thankamani (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	10.30 am, 12.55 pm, 4.05 pm 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Ranganayaka (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.35 pm, 7.05 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.45 am, 1.25 pm, 3.55 pm 6.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Kailasa Kasidre (K)	:	1.55 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	4.00 pm
Premalu (Te)	:	4.20 pm
Jog 101 (K)	:	7.20 pm
Guardian (2024) (Ta)	:	9.30 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	:	9.30 pm

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Article 370 (H)	:	3.50 pm
Dune Part Two (E)	:	10.05 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm,10.30 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 3.50 pm 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	1.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 7.10 pm 10.15 pm
Gammi (Te)	:	10 am, 7 pm
Navarasa Nayaka In & As Ranganayaka (K)	:	11.10 am, 7.35 pm
Jog 101 (K)	:	1.50 pm
Baby (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Thankamani (Ma)	:	10.15 pm
Vaaranam Aayiram (Ta)	:	3.45 pm
All of Us Strangers (E)	:	10 am, 7.35 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	:	12.30 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	3.55 pm, 10.10 pm

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Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	9.20 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	10 am, 7.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.35 am, 1.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Gargi (K)	:	12.15 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.05 pm
Gaami (Te)	:	4.00 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	4.00 pm
Ranganayaka (K)	:	4.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	10.15 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm; (S-3) 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.20 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Karataka Damaraka (K)	(S-1)	12.55 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am, 4.00 pm
Shaitaan (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 7.15 pm
Navarasa Nayaka In and As Ranganayaka (K)	(S-4)	7.20 pm
Gaami (Te)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 4.20 pm
Bhbhimaa (Te)	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 10.30 pm

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Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	9.30 am, 1.05 pm, 7:00 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 4.20 pm 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Navarasa Nayaka In and As Ranganayaka (K)	:	10.05 am, 4.40 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	10.20 am, 7.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.45 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.25 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	1.30 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	3.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Kailasa Kasidre (K)	:	4.20 pm
Jog 101 (K)	:	7.05 pm
Thankamani (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Gaami (Te)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 9)

- **Mysore Race Club (MRC) Charitable Trust and Lions International Eye Bank, a unit of Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust:** Inauguration of Eye Retrieval Centre at MRC Eye Hospital by MRC Charitable Trust and MRC Chairman K.M. Chandregowda in the presence of District Governor of Lions International District 317G Ln. Dr. N. Krishnegowda, District Governor of Lions International District 317A Ln. Suresh Ramu and District Lions Service Foundation District 317G Chairman PDG Ln. Devegowda, Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust Managing Trustee PDG Ln. P.S. Premnath presides, Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust Hon. Secretary Ln. Dr. I.S. Prasad, Sr. Vice-Chairman Ln. B. Chinnaswamy Setty, Vice-Chairman Ln. R. Kashinath, Eye Bank Director Dr. Rekha Gyanchand, MRC Charitable Trust In-Charge Secretary Dr. M.R. Jagannath and others will be present, MRC Eye Hospital, Siddarthanagar, **4 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival (Theme: 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava'), 'Dollu Kunita' by K.M. Annappa & Troupe, Hadagalu, Kadur, 'Pata Kunita' by Ravi and Troupe, Kadalagere village, Pandavapura, Kindarijogi premises, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Glani' by Udaya Kalavidaru, Sagara (Playwright - G.S. Bhat; Direction - Chidambara Rao Jambe), Kirurangamandira, **6 pm;** Staging of multilingual play 'Jump' by Collective Madness Studios, Mumbai (Playwright and Direction - Maneesh Sharma), Bhoomigeeta, **6.30 pm;** Staging of Marathi play 'Khatara' by Aapla Ghar, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (Playwright and Direction - Amol Devidas Salve), Vanaranga, **7 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Chavundaraya' by Sri Gajanana Yuvaka Mandali, Sheshagiri (Playwright - Jayaram Rayapura; Direction - H.K. Shwetharani), Kalamandira, **7.30 pm.**

- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre:** International Women's Day celebrations (Theme: Importance of Women Entrepreneurship and Empowerment), DRC Cinemas Managing Partner Vaishali Hanumanth guest speaker, IEI Chairman Dr. R. Deepu presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Smt. Gunamba Nanjaraje Urs Memorial Concert - Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vidu. Vasudha Keshav, accompanied by Vid. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata (sponsored by Harin Nanjaraje Urs), Sangeetha Kalanidhi K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Mahamedanandaji speaks on 'Service and Salvation - Letter of Swami Vivekananda,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** 88th Trimurti Shiva Jayanti Mahotsava, Cultural Programme, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Lecture and Discourse, Om Shanti Mantapa, Kalidasa Road, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 10)

- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival (Theme: 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava'), Bahuroopi Film Festival - Screening of *Cave of Forgotten Dreams* (English; Director - Werner Herzog, Germany), **10.30 am to 12 noon;** *500 Years Later* (English; Director - Owen Alik Shahadah), **12 noon to 1.30 pm;** *The Help* (English; Director - Tate Taylor), Sriranga auditorium, **2 pm to 4.30 pm;** Valedictory of 2-day National Symposium on 'Vachana Sahitya and Theatre,' senior poet Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah delivers the valedictory address, B.V. Karantha Ranga Chavadi, **4 pm;** 'Koragara Dolu' by Babu Koraga and Troupe, Pambur, Udupi, 'Goravara Kunita' by Rajashekhara and Troupe, Ramasamudra, Chamarajanagar, Kindarijogi premises, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Black Out' by Rangasiri Production, Bengaluru (Playwright - G.V. Shivananda; Direction - S. Sandeep Pai), Kirurangamandira, **6 pm;** Staging of Bengali play 'Kittankhola' by Thakurpukur Ichheymoto, Kolkata (Playwright - Selim Al Deen; Direction - Saurav Palodhi), Bhoomigeeta, **6.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Kariya Devara Huduki' by Samudaya, Bengaluru (Original - Prof. G. Shankar Pillai; Translation - Na. Damodara Shetty; Direction - Niranjana Khalikoda), Vanaranga, **7 pm;** Staging of Malayalam play 'Chillara Samaram' by Little Earth School of Theatre, Kerala (Playwright - M.P. Rajesh; Direction - Arun Lal), Kalamandira, **7.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Interaction with Achiever-90 (Achiever of the month: senior teacher N.K. Kaveriyamma), Karnataka Kalashree Dr. K. Kumar of University Fine Arts College chief guest, Gallery President L. Shivalingappa presides, social activist Malini R. Palaksha, retd. teacher Raju Shetty, art teacher Venkataramana Kalegar and writer B.R. Nagaratna special invitees, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **11 am.**
- **Vedashastra Poshini Sabha:** Retd. VC of Central Sanskrit University Vid. Dr. Parameshwara Narayana Shastry confers 'Shastra Vidyanidhi' title on 10 scholars — Vid. S.N. Srinivasamurthy Bhat (Shivamogga), Vid. Krishna Maneshwara Jogabhatta (Gokarna), Vid. Puttaiah Narayana Bhatta (Sagara), Vid. K.R. Manjunath Shrouti (Mysuru), Dr. Gopalakrishna Bhatta (Mangaluru), Dr. K. Sridhar Melukote (Bengaluru), Vid. Dr. N. Lakshminarayana Bhatta (Udupi), Dr. A. Ramaswamy Iyengar (Bengaluru), Vid. H.C. Bhalachandra Shastry (Sirsi) and Vid. Madhusudan Shastry (Hampiholi, Dharwad), Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Aratrika,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Smt. Indiradevi Praphullachandra Memorial Concert - 'Jyothi Belaguthide - A Musical Treatise on Journey of Sharanas right from 12th Century,' conceptualised by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and presented by students of Surabhi Ganakala Mandira (sponsored by Veerappa Praphullachandra), Sangeetha Kalanidhi K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
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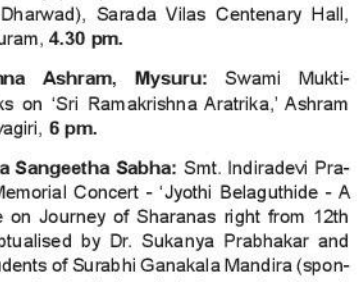

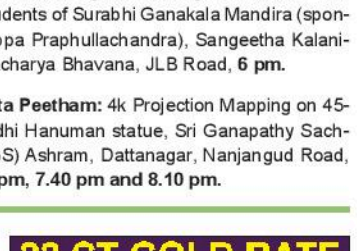

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Contact: 99800-46470
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Note:
1. Candidates should have passed a Master's degree in the Concerned subject with minimum 55% and above.
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